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17 July 1967

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Dear Bob:

Subject: [Redacted]

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Thank you for your excellent and informative 6 July 1967 letter giving the details of the unfortunate [Redacted] case. Perhaps it will set your mind at ease somewhat to know that we and other Organization components here in Headquarters are not unduly concerned about this matter. It is one of those unfortunate situations that happens from time to time and very little is to be gained from recriminations concerning the way the matter was handled. Surely no one can fault the [Redacted] in any way in the handling of the [Redacted] case. It is always easy for any of us to see in retrospect certain things which we wish we had done differently; hindsight is always 20-20. In the [Redacted] matter, however, the bureau acted with prudence and circumspection.

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You may be interested in the attached translation from La Nouvelle Depeche which was done by our Asia Division. You will note that our [Redacted] and FBIS are explicitly mentioned. You may show this translation, or indeed give a copy of it, to any appropriate American official in [Redacted] who might be interested in seeing it.

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Please let me take this occasion to state that you are doing a highly commendable job in guiding the affairs of the [Redacted] Bureau during Mario's absence.

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Sincerely,

[Redacted]

Acting Director

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Attachment

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